

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX

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Comment Period Closes: May 23, 2009

The U.S. EPA is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit CA0050008 to: the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Waste Water Treatment Plant at 3400 East Highway 246, Santa Ynez, California 93460.

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indian Wastewater Treatment Plant is a tribally owned wastewater treatment plant located in Santa Ynez, California. The Plant receives domestic wastewater from approximately 350 residents on the reservation and from a 190,000 square foot casino complex and miscellaneous administrative buildings. The average number of patrons that visit the facility per day is approximately 6,000 making the total average population served approximately 6,350 per day. The Plant treats approximately 140,000 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater. Treatment includes head works, extended aeration, sedimentation, chemical coagulation, filtration, and disinfection using ultra violet light (UV), bringing the effluent, which is entirely treated municipal wastewater to Tertiary treatment standards and in compliance with "California Title 22," tertiary 2.2. standards. The tertiary treated effluent is either discharged into Zanja de Cota Creek or it is day stored and then chlorine residual is used for further disinfection before the effluent is recirculated back to the reservation. Thickened sludge is then hauled to a licensed receiving facility.

The receiving water for Outfall No. 001, the only discharge point located at Latitude 34° 36' 25" N and Longitude 120° 05' 17" W, is Zanja de Cota Creek, tributary to the Santa Ynez River, a water of the United States in Santa Barbara County, California. The applicable water quality standards are specified in the permit and in the Water Quality Control Plan for the State of California, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

EPA is soliciting comments on the proposal. EPA will consider all comments received during comment period before taking final action. To submit comments, or to obtain additional information including the proposed permit and administrative record, please contact:

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